

**Arkansas  
Alternative Dispute  
Resolution Commission**

*is pleased to present*

**ARKANSAS  
JUVENILE  
COURT  
OVERVIEW  
FOR MEDIATORS**

**DECEMBER 11-13, 2013  
ROOM 101, JUSTICE BUILDING  
625 MARSHALL STREET  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**COST: \$50.00  
Includes all materials and lunches**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013**

*Who should attend the*  
**ARKANSAS JUVENILE  
COURT OVERVIEW  
FOR MEDIATORS?**

This two and a half day course is required for mediator certification in the **juvenile category** by the Arkansas ADR Commission.

**Prerequisites for attending this training are:**

- 1) a Master's Degree or higher; **OR** have a bachelor's level degree with at least two years work experience in family issues, **and**
- 2) have completed the 40 Hour Basic Mediation training and 20 Family Mediation training; **OR** a 40 Hour Family Mediation training.

Participants who complete this workshop are not automatically certified by the Arkansas ADR Commission.

**Certification is achieved** only by successfully completing the certification application process, which includes meeting education, training, practical experience, and ethical standards.



**Deadline for Registration is Tuesday, December 3, 2013.**

**Registration Fee \$50.00. Checks Only.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_  
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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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For questions or special needs, please call 501-682-9400.

*Mail your registration and \$50.00 fee to:*

Arkansas ADR Commission  
Juvenile Court Overview  
Justice Building  
625 Marshall Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

# ARKANSAS JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW FOR MEDIATORS

**December 11-13, 2013**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11 & Thursday, Dec. 12**

**8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Friday, December 13, 2013**

**8:30 am - 1:00 pm**

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This two and a half day course is a combination of highly interactive live and video presentations by Arkansas judges and other experts covering the following topics:

- Child & Adolescent Development
- Dependency & Neglect
- FINS (Families in Need of Services)
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Dynamics of Juvenile Mediation
- DCFS Regulations

This workshop does **not** count as continuing mediation education (CME) since it is a training program; however, it will be submitted for CLE credit.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF MEDIATORS FOR CIRCUIT COURT (Revised 2012)

### Juvenile Division Mediators

#### a. Training

1. Have completed a minimum of 40 hours in a family mediation training program approved by the Commission; or
2. Have completed 40 hours of basic mediation training with an additional 20 hours of family mediation training in a program devoted entirely to family or parenting mediation which is approved by the Commission; and
3. Have completed a course on the Arkansas juvenile court system approved by the Commission.
4. Applicants who complete a basic or family mediation training course outside of Arkansas must also complete the Commission's course on *Mediator Ethics, Law and General Practices in Arkansas*.
5. Applicants must complete the certification process within five years of completing basic mediation training. If a complete certification application has not been submitted to the Commission within the five year period, the applicant must retake all training required for certification in the juvenile division. If the applicant can demonstrate that they have actively mediated since receiving the basic mediation training, this requirement may be waived at the Commission's discretion.

#### b. Education

1. Have a bachelor's level degree with at least two years work experience in family issues; or
2. Have a master's degree or higher; or
3. Have a bachelor's degree plus a graduate level certificate in conflict resolution; or
4. Have a juris doctorate or equivalent; or

5. Have substantial, demonstrated, and satisfactory knowledge, skills, abilities, and experience as a mediator in the applicable field of mediation.

#### c. Practical Experience

1. Have co-mediated three cases from the juvenile division of the Arkansas Circuit courts, at least one of which must be a dependency-neglect case.
2. Co-mediators must be completed in Arkansas with a mediator who is certified by the Arkansas ADR Commission and designated as a juvenile mediation mentor. The Commission may consider evaluations made by the mentor mediator when determining whether or not the applicant is qualified for certification in the juvenile category.

#### d. Ethics

1. Be of good moral character; and
2. Accept and follow the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission's *Requirements for the Conduct of Mediation and Mediators*.

#### e. Examination

1. Prior to granting certification, the Commission may require applicants to successfully complete an examination on mediation concepts, ethics, and other topics relevant to mediation in the Arkansas Circuit Court system.

For more information on mediator certification, please visit the Arkansas ADR Commission website at: <https://courts.arkansas.gov/adr/>